

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-34 are pending in the application, and that claims 1-15 and 30-34 are rejected. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 16-29 have been allowed. By this response, claims 1-34 continue unamended. In view of the following discussion, Applicants believe that claims 1-15 and 30-34 are now in condition for allowance.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER THE JUDICIALLY CREATED DOCTRINE OF OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-15 and 30-34 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-41 of co-pending application serial number 09/884,874 (Attorney Docket no. GLBL 016P1). The Examiner stated that "[a]lthough the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claim(s) of the present application encompasses the claims of the Application Serial No. 09/884,874."

Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. 1.130(b). As such, Applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

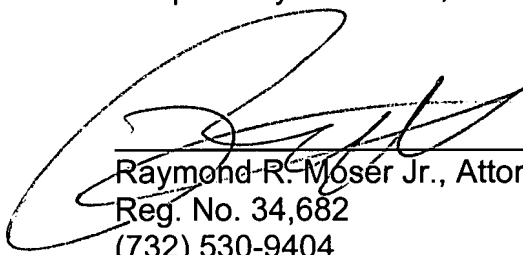
CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Raymond R Moser Jr., Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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